They gave the lowest bid, defeating the United States, Britain and also other countries. The House will be very pleased to know this.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ram Jethmalani.. *(Interrupctions),* I would like to know whether you are interested in putting your supplementary or not. Your name is listed before me on this question. I think you are not interested. I will call Mr. Dipinkar Mukherjee.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: I give up.

उपसभापति : आप कोयले की दलाली में हाथ काले नहीं करना चाहते हैं?

श्री राम जेठमलानी : हमारे हाथ साफ हैं।

उपसभापति : ठीक है, मैं दीपांकर मुखर्जी को बुला लेती हूं। बोलिए मिस्टर दीपांकर मुखर्जी।

SHRI DIPANKAR CWKHERJEE: I am interested in my Question No. 648.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You do not want to put any supplementary on Q. No. 647?

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHHFRJEE: No, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. Q. No. 648.

Pithead coal stock for 1993.94 and 1994.35

*648. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Ministe: of COAL be pleased to refer to answer to Unstirred Question 778 given in the Rajya S bha on 1st August, 1994 and state-

(a) the pithead coai stock for 1993 94 and during 1994-95:

lb) the look value of the same; and

(c) the reasons for variation in the bock value of the pithead stock as on 31st March, 1993 given (i) as Rs. 1660 64 crores as mentioned in the answer and (ii) value of the stock taken into account while computing profitloss for the year 1992-93 shown as 252 crores in audited annual report and account of Coal India Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) According to information received from Coal India Limited (CIL) their pithead coal stocks as on 31-3-94 and 31-3-95 were 44.153 million tonnes and 44.91 million tonnes (provisioal) respectively.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(b) According to information received from Coal india Limited the value of closing stocks of coali-okejwashed coal and other products as 31-3-94 is reported to he It.s. 1656.3" crores. The VALUE Of stocks as on 31-3-95 would be avaiable only after finalisation of accounts.

(c) Coal Idia Ltd. have informed that the book value of pithead stocks of coal[coke and other products as on 31-3-1993 as adopted in the audited aco-ounts is Rs. 1660.64 ,-rores. The amount of Rs. 252 crore, as mentioned in the Question is the provision for deterioration made againgt value of stock of coal and other product, as on 31-3-1993. The net value of stock after the provision of Rs. 252 crore has been considered in the Profit & l.c.s Account.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Madam Deputy Chairman, my first supplementary to the hon. Minister, through

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† The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House bv Shri Dipankar Mukherjee.

you, is: What is the magic that the value of the pit-head stock remained the same? On 31-3-1993 the value of the pithead sto;:k was Rs. 1,660 crores. For the year ending 31-3-1994, after one year, the virtue was still Rs. 1,658 crores. *So, what is the idea* of blocking this inventory for years together? During this year, the producion had been incerased from 211 million tonnes to 216 million tonnes. So, what is the idea of increasing the production when you have Rs. 1600 crores worth inventory, coal stock with you. Why did you go in for production?' Why didn't you liquidate the stock?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay, let him answer.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Madam, there is no magic. But the logic lies with our coal-miners and their hard work. It is because of their good work and hard work that this production is increasing and stock is remaining. The stock is always kept for contingency purposes. The rainy season is coming and, therefore, production will have to be increased to meet the increasing demand in the country. The stock is maintained so that in case of any eventuality, if something happens because of any act of God, flood situation or some dislocation on the railways, the stock would be got hold of by CIL and supplied to the concerned authorities so that they can generate and supply power to the consumers and also bring light in this House and maintain the sound system in this House!

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Madam, My second supplementary is I would like to know from the Minister, what is the permissible stock, as per his Ministry's guideline?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Madan, Usually the permissible stock is for one month's production. In view of the vagaries of the monsoon and natural calamities, i I is always advisable to have stock for one month at least. This is not a new thing. This is being done in other countries also. Everywhere Everywhere this one month's stock is kept. The permissible mit is about one months stock. It also varies from place to place If there is no stock, the situation is such that mines are situated in such a manner that stocks cannot be kept for one full month. Sometimes the stock, it goes up or goes down according to production and despatch of coal.

श्री मोहम्मद सलीम : महोदया, मंत्री महोदय ने दीपांकर मुखर्जी के पूरक प्रश्न के जवाब में यह कहा, वह खुदा को भी खींचकर ले आए, कि ऐसा हो सकता है कंटीजेंसी प्लान के तहत उन्हें 50 मिलियन टन कोयला पिट हैड में रखना पड़ता है और कागज में कोल इंडिया या इसकी जो सब्सिडरीज हैं—चाहे ई.सी.एल. हो, चाहे बी.सी.सी.एल. हो चाहे वेस्टर्न, कोलफील्ड लिमिटेड हो, इसके कागजात में रिकार्ड में यह फीचर स्टॉक है और इसलिए हर साल वह उतना क्वांटिटि और उतने रुपए का रहता है, मंत्री महोदय क्या इस बारे में अवगत हैं ? इनके पास काफी शिकायतें दर्ज की जाती हैं कि एक्ट आफ गॉड्स को छोड़ दीजिए लेकिन बहुत से गॉड फादर्स हैं कोल माइन्स के आसपास में जिनके साथ मंत्री महोदय के डिपार्टमेंट के लोग हों या जो कोल फैक्टरीज जो कम्पनीज हैं, उनके साथ हों और आज बड़ी ऊंची-ऊंची जगह पर ऐसे लोग पहुंचे हुए हैं । तो इनकी जो यह करतूत है कि पिट हैड में आपकी बुक वेल्यू जो है और हकीकत में वहां जाकर अगर आप कोयले के दर्शन करेंगे तो वह सामान आपको मिलेगा नहीं । एकाउंट्स बुक को ठीक करने के लिए हर साल वे दर्ज कर देते हैं कि इतना है, लेकिन हकीकत में वह है नहीं और यह पार्लियामेंटरी कमेटी की रिपोर्ट में भी इससे पहले आया है, तो मंत्री महोदय क्या कृपा करेंगे कि कंटीजेंसी प्लान के तहत जब वह इतना आसमान छूता हुआ कोल कागज में दिखाते हैं, हकीकत में वह है या नहीं है, ऐसे एक-दो सैम्पल सर्वे करके भी क्या वह सदन को बताएंगे कि हां, हकीकत में कागज में जो लिखा हुआ है वह कोल-स्टॉक है या दूसरे, आप कागज पर लिखकर के प्रॉफिट एंड लॉस एकाउंट को ठीक करना चाहते हैं ?

†[شری محمد سلیم: مہودیہ منتری مہودے نے دیا اگر منتری جی کے پوائنٹ پر اشتہارات کے حساب سے ہیں یہ کہا - وہ ٹھیک ہو کبھی کبھی چھوڑ کے آسکے - کیا ایسا ہو سکتا ہے کہ کنٹی جینسی پلان کے تحت انہیں ۵۰ ملین ٹن کول پٹ ہیڈ میں رکھا جاتا ہے - اور کاغذ میں کول اٹھایا گیا اسکی جو سبسڈیریز ہیں - چاہے ای سی ایل - ہوں چاہے بی سی سی ایل ہوں چاہے ویسٹرن کول فیلڈز لمیٹڈ ہوں - انکے کاغذات میں - ریکارڈ میں نمبر اسٹاک ہے اور اسلئے ہر سال وہ اتنا کول انکی اور اتنے روپے کا دیتا ہے - منتری مہودے کیا اس بارے میں اوگت ہیں - انکے پاس کافی شکایتیں درج کی جاتی ہیں کہ ایک آف کا ڈس کو چھوڑ دیجئے - لیکن بہت سے [illegible] ہیں کول مائنس کے آس پاس میں جنکے ساتھ منتری مہودے کے ڈیپارٹمنٹ کے لوگ ہوں یا کول فیلڈز جو کمپنیز ہیں - انکے ساتھ ہوں اور آج بڑی اونچی اونچی جگہہ پر ایسے لوگ پہنچے ہوئے ہیں - تو انکے یہ کرتوت ہیں کہ پٹ ہیڈ میں آپکی بک ویلیو ہوئی ہے اور حقیقت میں وہاں [illegible] اگر آپ کول کے درشن کرنا چاہیں وہ سامان آپکو ملیگا نہیں - اکاؤنٹس بک کو ٹھیک کرنے کیلئے ہر سال وہ صحیح کر دیتے ہیں کہ اتنا ہے - لیکن حقیقت میں کچھ نہیں اور نے پارلیمنٹری کمیٹی کی رپورٹ میں بھی اس سے پہلے آیا ہے - تو منتری مہودے کیا اگر پہلے کہ کنٹی جینسی پلان کے تحت جب وہ اتنا سامان چھوٹا ہوا کول کاغذ میں دکھلاتے ہیں - حقیقت میں وہ ہے یا نہیں ہے - ایسے ایک دو سیمپل سروے کرکے بھی کیا وہ سروے کیا جائیگا - اور ہاں - حقیقت میں کاغذ میں جو لکھا ہوا ہے - وہ کول اسٹاک ہے یا دوسرے آپ کاغذ پر لکھکر کے پرافٹ اینڈ لاس اکاؤنٹ کو ٹھیک کرنا چاہتے ہیں -]

उपसभापति : पहले उनको जवाब देने दीजिए, आपको भी बुलाऊंगी आपका नाम है। समय तो आ जाए।

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Madam, there are set guidelines established through the entire course of history of Coal India by which the stocks are examined. We have to go by those guidelines. Those guidelines have been decided for a long time. There are certain mines whose stocks are to be taken into consideration quarterly. In some places

it is six-monthly and in some other cases it is yearly. Along with that there are Parliamentary Committee which go into it in various details. And if any lacuna is found out the Ministry immediately looks into this and informs the company of what is to be done. Over and above there is the Comptroller and Auditor General who goes into details of everything. These are the gadgets available by which Coal India can proceed. I am not ruling out —there may be areas where they may be wrong in calculation of stocks, but these are the gadgets at present devised and under which we are working. In this systems there are checks and balances to look after those people. I have no knowledge about any godfather working in Coal India. If the hon. Member knows the names or addresses of those, he may pass on to me. I will certainly look into the matter.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI; Madam, first of all, I am not able to understand why this stock as on 31.3.1995 cannot be given. Are they keeping the stock register or not? If they are keeping, then immediately they can have the information. He can say the information is provisional, but to say that because -the accounts are not finalised, they cannot give the information about the stock, is not proper. The Minister should amend his reply. We would like to know what was the stock/was on 31.3. 1995. It may be a provisional figure.

Madam, the Hon. Miniser says they have made a provision of Rs. 252 crores for deterioration of the coal stock. I would like to know whether it is on account of pilferage or every year you are making this provision or only this year you have made the provision.

Madam, the Committee has found that actual stocks are not available. It is only on pap:r. What Mr. Salim has pointed out is that a Committee had gone there and had submitted its report. I would like to know whether because of that bilferage the amount is being written off or it is because the information about the value of the stock is not available.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: So far as the first question is concerned, in Parliament when I have to give an account, I must be absolutely certain about the amount. When I found that the accounts had not only not been. gone into, but the stock also was under check by the Accounts Committee,

1 paid up to 31st March, 1994 accounts were available. I have given it in the answer. So far as the accounts up to 31st March, 1995 are concerned, they are available.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: At least the information about the provisional stock could have been given.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: If the hon. Member is interested in the provisional stock, I will certainly find out and give it to him, inside the Parliament to make a statement, I must be perfect in every detail so that the hon. Members are satisfied. *(Interruptions).*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I permit you to lay it on the Table of the House.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: When you had given the provisional information about the last year i.e. 1994, yon could have also given this information about this year also.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Information about the last year I could give because I was satisfied that at least the preliminary accounts were over and this could be like to know whether it is on could be stated in the Parliament to the hon. Members. So far as the second part of the question is concerned, the Rs. 252 crores that I have stated is the provision for deterioration. It is not necessarily because of pilferage. But, pilferages also take place. When we get the complaints, we immediately inform the concerned State Government because law and order has to be taken care of by the State Government. We immediately inform that this is what is happening. But there aare causes also, because it is kept open in a large tract of the area. It is not that type of a factory where we can keep things in a godown. That is why Rs. 252 crores have been so stated in the written answer.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : मैं मंत्री महोदय से यही आग्रह करूंगा कि कोल इंडिया को छोड़ करके और किसी दूसरी ऐजेंसी से इसकी जांच करवाएंगे क्या, स्टॉक वेरिफिकेशन ?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: So far as the Coal Control Organisation is concerned, they also keep a watch on it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Ques-tion Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Gap between supply and demand of coal in Rajasthan

*642. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3076 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th April, 1995 and state the gap between supply and demand of coal at present in Rajasthan and in what manner the Central Government propose to meet the full demand of the State, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): Demand for coal is not. assessed State-wise, it is assessed sector-wise for the whole country. During 1994-95, Coal India Ltd. (CIL) has supplied 5.59 milion tonnes of coal to the consumers located in Rajasthan against 5.56 million tonnes of coal supplied during 1993-94. Coal India Ltd. is in a position to meet the assessed-de-mand of coal consumers located in the State of Rajasthan subject to transportation constraints.

Proposal for bifurcation of MPEDA

*644. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether. Government will bifurcate the existing Marine Products Export Development Authority into marine and aquaculture exports;

(b) whether it is a fact that MPEDA has not bestowed adequate attention to marine exports from Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether it is also a fact that neglect of marine exports by MPEDA has led to nagative impact on Indian deep-sea fishery; and

(d) steps proposed to bifurcate MPEDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No proposal to bifurcate the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is under consideration before the Govern ment.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Doos not arise.

Delegation to Germany

*645. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to send a high level delegation to Germany to urge that Government to lift the ban on import to Textile and leather goods coloured using azo dyes; and

(b) if so, what is the composition of the delegation and when the same will leave for Germany?